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Article IV.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

The Ninth Anniversary of the American Peace Society was held in the Baptist church in Nassau street, New York, on Thursday, May 11th, 1837.

At 3 P. M., S. V. S. Wilder, Esq., was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Going, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Home Missionary Society. The annual report was read by Wm. Ladd, Esq., General Agent of the Society; after which the following resolves were passed, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the report just read be accepted, and published under the direction of the Executive Committee.
Moved by the Rev. A. D. Eddy, of Newark, N. J.
Seconded by the Rev. Brown Emerson, D. D., of Salem, Mass.

2. *Resolved*, That Christians are bound by the strongest and most sacred obligations to remove the disgrace which the wars of Christendom have brought upon their religion.
Moved by the Rev. G. C. Beckwith, of Lowell, Mass.
Seconded by Dr. Thomas Cock, of New York.

3. *Resolved*, That the custom of war, as contrary to the spirit, principles and aims of the gospel, ought to be held in deep abhorrence, and resisted, in every proper way, by all the followers of the Prince of Peace.
Moved by the Rev. E. Cheever, of Newark, N. J.
Seconded by the Rev. J. P. Cleaveland, of Detroit, Michigan.

4. *Resolved*, That the aspect of the times, the smiles of Heaven on our efforts during the past year, and the unexpected preparation of the public mind for appeals on this subject, call upon the friends of peace for much greater exertions in this cause, and make it desirable that at least *ten thousand dollars* should be raised this year for the support of lecturers, and the circulation of publications on peace.
Moved by the Rev. O. Fowler, of Fall River, Mass.
Seconded by Wm. Ladd, Esq., of Minot, Maine.

5. *Resolved*, That we continue our request, that all ministers of the gospel preach on the subject of peace to their people at least once during the year, and, if convenient, on or near the 25th of Dec.; that churches observe a concert of prayer, on or near the same day, for the universal prevalence of peace, and that a collection be then taken up in aid of this cause.
Moved by the Rev. Mr. Hunt, of Philadelphia.
Seconded by Mr. Burleigh, of Plainfield, Conn.

These resolutions were ably supported both by the movers and seconders of them, with a few exceptions owing to want of time.

The public meeting was then dismissed with a benediction by the Rev. Mr. EMERSON, of South Reading, Mass., and the society continued its session for business.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. Beckwith, Cock and Ladd, to whom was referred at the last annual meeting the subject of drafting a new constitution, reported one, which was adopted without amendment.

Resolved, That the bureau of the American Peace Society be removed to Boston.

Resolved, That the list of officers sent by the friends of peace in Boston through the General Agent, be adopted as the officers of the American Peace Society, for the ensuing year.

By this list of officers S. V. S. Wilder was nominated as President. Mr. Wilder for various reasons declined the office, and nominated Wm. Ladd, who was unanimously chosen. Mr. Ladd accepted the office for the present, intimating his intention to resign as soon as the board of directors, who have the power to fill vacancies, shall be organized in Boston, with the expectation that a more suitable person shall be found to fill the office of president.

Resolved, That the accounts of the society, left in an unsettled state by the decease of their late lamented Treasurer, be referred to the new Executive Committee.

Adjourned without date.

S. V. S. WILDER, *Chairman.*

WM. LADD, *Secretary pro tem.*

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